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from her peak. One by one, in twos and in threes, the men in the turret dropped at their posts, and at last the remaining great gun was silent, its tackle literally choked with dead. The turret could not be turned for the same reason. Corpses hung over the military top; corpses clogged the conning tower. With coats and waistcoats off the surgeons had been laboring in the ward room upon the wounded, who, shrieking in their agony, had been tumbled down the companion-way like so much butchered beef; for there was no time to use stretchers or to carry a stricken comrade to a doctor's care. Steam and smoke filtered through the doorways, and the apartment became stifling. While they were sawing, amputating and bandaging, a shell tore into the ward room, burst, and fragments wounded the assistant surgeons, the chief of the medical staff having been killed earlier in the conflict. Those unfortunates who lay stretched upon the table awaiting their turn under the knife, and those who lay upon the floor, suffered no more pain; they were killed as they lay groaning. After that what little surgery was done was performed in the coal bunkers."

### Brevities.

The annual report of the Austrian Peace Society shows that the Society now has representatives in more than two hundred and fifty cities and towns of Austria-Hungary.

... The Doukhoborts have at last received permission of the Russian government to emigrate at their own expense. An English committee has been formed by Mr. Tchertkoff, Purleigh, Essex, for the purpose of securing for them the means of leaving their country.

... Before his death Mr. Gladstone said that "he could not conceal his conviction that the opinions and acts of the present time in reference to the national defense have become excessive and would incur the disapprobation of all the deceased statesmen with whom he had been brought up and with whom he had passed the greater part of his life."

... The annual meeting of the International Arbitration and Peace Association, Hodgson Pratt president, was held at St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross Road, London, on the evening of June 14th. No particulars have reached us.

... The Increased Armaments Protest Committee of England, of which Dr. Spence Watson is president, held its second annual meeting in London on the third of May. The committee has just issued a leaflet on "The Perils of Imperial Expansion."

... The balance of the Chinese war indemnity was paid the other day to the Japanese agents, at the Bank of England. The sum for which the check was drawn was £11,008,857. 16s. 9d.

... We are indebted to Hon. Samuel J. Barrows for a copy of the printed Report of the eighth annual conference of the Interparliamentary Peace Union, which met at Brussels in August last.

... The Second Annual Convention of the National Good Citizens' League is to be held at Nashville, Tenn., July 11-13.

... The House of Representatives has passed the

resolutions for the annexation of Hawaii by a vote of 209 to 91. The opposition to annexation is making a vigorous stand in the Senate, with the possibility that a vote will not be reached during this session.

... *Die Waffen Nieder*, the monthly peace magazine edited by the Baroness von Suttner and widely read in Europe, put its leading editorial in the May number in mourning on account of the outbreak of war between the United States and Spain.

### The War Makers.

BY IDA WHIPPLE BENHAM.

"The Pharisees said unto Him, 'Are we blind also?'"

Ye Pharisees! go to the Book and find  
None are so blind as those who will be blind!  
Here's to the test: Let but your quivering flesh  
The trifle of an ounce of steel enmesh—  
Let the keen blade among your members linger  
But long enough to nip a nose or finger—  
Let the red stream that waters this world's plains  
Bear but a drop or two from your full veins,—  
Let the dark sulphurous mists to heaven that rise  
Blow like a Stygian blast in your dear eyes—  
And see if you incline to the old story  
Of honor by the sword and warlike glory!  
I think that you would find an easier way  
Of settling if *you* had the debt to pay;  
You would not be so fond of sowing strife  
Were war a simple question of one life;  
You'd find a way, concoct a thousand cures,  
Were but one life involved and that life yours!

London, England.

### The Truce of God.

BY KATHERINE HANSON.

With hearts more pure, with wills more strong,  
We could have smitten ancient wrong,  
Yet held our hands from brother's blood.  
Our righteousness, a mighty flood,  
Had cleansed the heart of Spain.  
O Lord of all the unquiet world,  
When shall thy banner be unfurled—  
The stainless banner of the Right?  
We lift our eyes. Send out thy light:  
Make thou our pathway plain!

— *Boston Transcript*.

### A Prayer for Peace.

SUNG AT THE MOHONK CONFERENCE, JUNE 3.

God give the nations peace,  
Grant us from war release—  
God give us peace!  
Guide Thou the helm of state,  
Still Thou the storm of hate,  
Bid waves of strife abate—  
God give us peace!  
Touch Thou the human heart,  
Bid hate and greed depart—  
God give us peace!  
Let men in every land  
Stretch forth the helping hand,  
Brother to brother stand—  
God give us peace!